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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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The Examiner pointed out that the present invention has been rejected as being anticipated by Musci (4,409,745) in view of Lewis (5,675,916), however, applicant can't agree more on this conclusion. As clearly shown in the drawings of the two cited references, the heel and the sole of the shoe are connected by screws (designated by 80 and 68, respectively), and using screws is obviously of a conventional art that has been disclosed in the "Description of the Prior Arts" of the present invention. Nevertheless, the distinct characteristic of the present invention over the prior art is that the present invention provides a screwless plug-in installation since the heel and the sole are connected by a screwless connecting sheet, and the connecting sheet enables the heel and the sole to be connected more quickly and easily. Therefore, the present invention is obviously patentable over the cited references.

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In view of the foregoing arguments, applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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